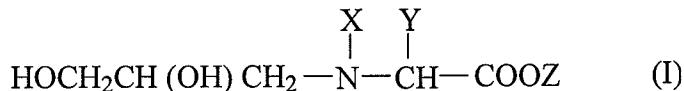


**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1. (Currently Amended) A cosmetic composition comprising 0.05 to 20% by weight of an amino acid N-glyceryl derivative of the following formula (1) or salt thereof :



wherein X is a hydrogen atom; Y is a side chain of a basic or neutral  $\alpha$ -amino acid; and Z is a hydrogen atom, alkali metal, ammonium group, organic ammonium group or  $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}(\text{OH})\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$  group; and a cosmetic formulation component.

2. (Currently Amended) The cosmetic composition according to claim 1, wherein the content of the amino acid N-glyceryl derivative of formula (I) or salt thereof is an amount of 0.1 to 20% 0.1 to 10% by weight of the total weight of the cosmetic.

3. (Currently Amended) The cosmetic composition according to claim 1 or claim 2, wherein the amino acid N-glyceryl derivative of formula (I) or salt thereof is a glyceryl derivative of a basic amino acid or salt thereof.

4. (Currently amended) The cosmetic composition according to claim 1 in the form of a A skin care cosmetic ~~comprising the cosmetic according to claim 1~~.

5. (Previously Presented) The cosmetic composition according to claim 1 in the form of a A hair cosmetic ~~comprising the cosmetic according to claim 1~~.

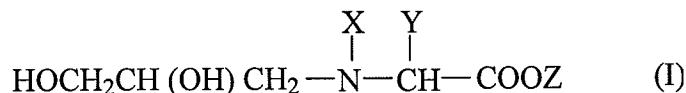
6. (Previously Presented) The cosmetic according to claim 2, wherein Y is a side chain of an  $\alpha$ -amino acid selected from the group consisting of glycine, alanine, valine, leucine, isoleucine, serine, threonine, phenylalanine, tyrosine, tryptophan, sarcosine, N-methylalanine,  $\alpha$ -

aminobutyric acid, cystine, methionine, cysteine, proline, hydroxyproline, lysine, hydroxylysine, arginine, histidine, and ornithine.

7. (Previously Presented) The cosmetic according to claim 2, wherein Z is an organic ammonium group of the formula  $-NR_4^+$ , wherein R is selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen atom, methyl group, ethyl group, hydroxymethyl group, hydroxyethyl group, 2-methyl-1, 3-propanediol-2yl group and 2-methyl-1-propanolamine-2yl group, wherein at least one R group is not a hydrogen atom.

8. (Previously Presented) The cosmetic according to claim 6, wherein Z is an organic ammonium group of the formula  $-NR_4^+$ , wherein R is selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen atom, methyl group, ethyl group, hydroxymethyl group, hydroxyethyl group, 2-methyl-1, 3-propanediol-2yl group and 2-methyl-1-propanolamine-2yl group, wherein at least one R group is not a hydrogen atom.

9. (New) A cosmetic composition comprising 0.05 to 20 % by weight of an amino acid N-glyceryl derivative of the following formula (I) or salt thereof:



wherein X is a hydrogen atom; Y is a side chain of basic or neutral  $\alpha$ -amino acid; and Z is a hydrogen atom, alkali metal, ammonium group, organic ammonium group or  $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}(\text{OH})\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$  group; and at least 0.1 % by weight of one or more cosmetic formulation components selected from the group consisting of moisturizers, surfactants, antioxidants, ultraviolet absorbers, perfumes, and chelating agents.

10. (New) The cosmetic composition according to claim 9, wherein the content of the amino acid N-glyceryl derivative of formula (I) or salt thereof is 0.1 to 10%.